UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Withholding of increments of Government school teachers.

1. **Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai** (*Thovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Government school teachers teaching in public examination classes who are disqualified to earn increments consequent on their school average marks falling below the State average marks; and

(*b*) whether there is any circular to that effect from the Department?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: (a) 13.

(*b*) Yes.

New lines opened by the Transport Department.

2. **Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state the number of new lines opened by the Department in 1121?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: No new lines were taken up in 1121.

Passengers who travelled from Nagercoil to Trivandrum.

3. **Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state the number of passengers who travelled from Nagercoil to Trivandrum and *vice versa* during the first half of 1121 with particulars of the number of buses employed and the trips undertaken by each bus?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: 1,34,357 passengers with 19 vehicles operating 38 journeys either way.

Overcrowding in buses.

4. **Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the steps taken by the department to prevent overcrowding for the better convenience of the travelling public; and

(*b*) whether there are any rules in the department to prevent overloading?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: (*a*) It is proposed to increase the number of vehicles by about 60 in the present routes within the next four months. 110 Dodge vehicles have been purchased recently.

(*b*) Yes.

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